GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2798
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DIVERSION OF DRINKING WATER FOR POWER GENERATION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether villages and towns in districts in the command region of Kaiga reservoir in Karnataka are likely to face a severe water crisis with water being diverted for power generation; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to intervene and resolve the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Probably, the Hon'ble member is referring to kadra reservoir which caters for generation of power from Kadra Power House built at the toe of the Kadra dam with 3 units of 50 Mega Watt. The requirement of water for drinking purposes for Kadra and Kaiga Nuclear Power Plant colonies is being drawn from Kadra dam. The Government of Karnataka has informed that by virtue of building Kadra dam for the purpose of power generation there is no water (meant for drinking purposes) being diverted for power generation.